



Permanent Rank Announced By PMST

Henry Serwat To Head '56 Bayonet

Cadet Henry Serwat has been chosen as Editor-in-Chief of your Bayonet for '56-'57. He has as experience a year of Bayonet and Recall work behind him from last year and promises that once the wheels are in motion you'll have as fine a Bayonet as Augusta has ever had.

Cadet Serwat is a Second year man, hailing from Geneva, Illinois. His other activities include all major sports, Honor Roll, Cotillion Club, and Roller Rifles. He is a Master Sergeant in the colors.

Cadet J. A. Pugh IV is Associate Editor on this the XV volume of the "Bayonet." He has had previous Bayonet and Recall work behind him to provide the necessary experience for this exacting job.

As one of Augusta's outstanding swordsmen he will be hard put to find enough time in the coming year to keep up with all his activities, much less his scholastic work. "Tony" as the girls from Stuart Hall call him, calls Norfolk, Virginia his home port. He hopes to attend the University of Virginia next year to take a pre-law course there.

Cadet Robert Ramsay is the Associate Editor and one of the most active new cadets in the school. He has had experience in High School newspapers and was selected to be the Associate Editor this year. The pride of Miami spends quite a bit of his time at Stuart Hall. He is the big "Boom" in the band and if you ever hear the bass drum off beat you know that he is using his fist instead of his drumstick.

Cadet Chas. D. Carver is the Business Manager of this current volume and it will be his job to keep the finances of this enterprise out of the red and in the black. This will require a lot of pencil pushing on his part to keep the "Bayonet" riding on an even keel. He hails from Warwick, Virginia and his favorite sport is traveling from Hall to Hall depending upon the receptions. He is a Junior and plans to attend the Apprentice School of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company.

Augusta Honors War Heroes

On Veteran's Day at 11:00 A.M., Augusta was the scene of a very impressive ceremony in honor of her sons who died for their country.

Rev. Allison opened the exercises with a prayer. After the prayer Col. Roller gave a detailed account of the events that took place on the first Armistice Day.

Col. Roller pointed out that on that day at 11:00 A.M. there was perfect stillness in honor of those who gave their lives.

Major Wales then called the battalion to attention and called the Roll of Honor.

The Cadets, who represented those Honored Brave stepped forward and answered "Died in the field of Honor, Sir".

The band then played a selection after which Col. Roller introduced the speaker who was Col. Arch Sproul, the head of the National Guard in the state of Virginia.

Col. Sproul said that this ceremony was most impressive and that the sacrifices that A.M.A. boys made would prove to be worthwhile.

He went on to say that today is Veterans' Day of all wars, and that if we go back to the founding of our nation we will have to give much credit to the great men who preserved our nation.

Here at home these men are known as the Augusta Regiment. This regiment has a grand total of 37 battle streamers. Only a few organizations can boast of so many streamers. If it had not been for these patriots who died, our Country would have been divided.

Col. Sproul then expressed a fervent hope that out of these great sacrifices and struggles, we can find a means to end wars.

"We must keep up our military not to conquer, but to keep the peace."

Let us pray that the prophet's words come true, that there be no more wars, and that the implements of war be used for peaceful means.

Col. Roller then read a part of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address which is the gem of all literature.

The ceremony was concluded with the playing of triple taps.

Augusta was honored to have the parents of some of the boys present at this exercise.

Captain Gibbs To Go To Fort Knox

Captain Cryus L. Gibbs is leaving Augusta after three long years of excellent service at Augusta. He is being transferred to the Army Training Center at Fort Knox. There he will instruct recruits in the Army's new Six Month Reservist Enlistment Program. In this new program teachers and students are both subject to a grueling pace. At Fort Knox, Kentucky, the Captain will have much wider facilities at his command but he will not have the personal contact that he had with the cadets here at Augusta.

Captain Gibbs came to A.M.A. in the summer of 1954 fresh from the rice-patties of Korea. The knowledge which he picked up over there was passed on to his students of M.S.T. III & IV in a very peaceful and unique manner. He had a indescribable way of getting his point across. As anyone who has known him long enough and close enough will tell you, "He is all man, puts on no act, he is all which he appears to be." When he stands up you can't help but notice and respect him.

Captain Gibbs has been an inspiration to many cadets, and his loss will be a sad one to the P.M.S. & T. and to the corps. He had been a model of what a great officer should be. Modesty, frankness, sincerity, fairness, friendliness, honesty, all these qualities have been collected together in one man, a man Augusta calls Capt. Gibbs.

The Corp salutes you sir, says goodbye, and thanks you for a job well done. We wish the best of luck to you and your family in the future.

PRINCIPAL'S PRIVILEGE LIST FOR DECEMBER '56

1. Dorman	87.80
1. Gil	87.80
1. Turner, R.	87.80
4. Risby	87.60
6. Smith, J. P.	87.40
7. Canavet, R.	87.25
8. Neclerio	87.20
9. Locklear	87.00
10. Anderson, D.	86.80
10. Pacuilli	86.80
12. Canavet, J.	86.71
13. Hutchins	86.60
13. Stuckey	86.60

A.M.A. Welcomes New Faculty

A.M.A. is proud to present 4 new teachers. In the tradition of Augusta, all are well qualified for their work.

Lt. Mike Noonan, a native of California, is this year's varsity football coach. He has played 11 years of upper class football and is drawing on all his experience in shaping his team. The steady improvement and ruggedness are proof of this. Also a reflection of his good work is a better athletic system.

Lt. Noonan graduated from Santa Barbara College and is teaching English and American History.

Lt. James McDowell was born in Fincastle, Virginia. He is one of A.M.A.'s own grads, having received a diploma from here in '50 and then another from V.M.I. in '54. Besides his teaching duties, which are in the Junior School, he is also on the coaching staff and assistant Commandant.

Another one of our teachers is Manuel Kreisler from Madrid, Spain. He has attended the following schools in obtaining his degrees in History and French: Lye Francias de Madrid, University of Madrid, Central University of Madrid, University of Bordeaux, Faculty of Philosophy of Madrid, and Lorbbonne University. The faculties of some of these various schools have known his excellent teaching and we are proud to have him on our staff. His classes are in French and Spanish.

13. Bryan	86.60
13. Link	86.60
17. Garcia	86.50
17. Serwat	86.50
19. Miller	86.40
20. Farmer	85.83
21. Hume, J.	85.60
22. Ridge	85.40
23. Weeks, B. B.	85.38
24. Douglas	85.25
25. Aragona	85.00
25. Parks	85.00
26. Weeks, P. B.	84.83
27. Grattan, J.	84.80
28. Harrison, J.	84.67
29. Wilcox, C.	84.60
29. Fizzman	84.60
31. Sprouse	84.57
31. Reichard	84.57
33. Black, J.	84.50

The PMS&T office, under the direction of Major Christy, has announced the following officers for the year 1956-57.

Staff

Battalion Commander — Goodloe Saunders.

Captain Adjutant—Grey Hume.

Ordinance H. — Duke Fancher.

Sergeant Major — Garcia.

Medical Sergeant—Chas. Carver.

Color Master Sergeants — Hank Serwat, Bob Carson, Bill Jaegar, Wayne Weiner.

Hdqts Co.

Captain—Steve Rodgers.

1st Lt.—Jim Hume.

2nd Lt.—Butter Byrd.

1st Sar.—Yates.

"A" Company

Captain — Albert Krise.

1st Lt. — Jim Lanks.

n2d Lt. — Wildman.

First Sergeant — George Snyder.

"B" Company

Captain — Dickie Mower.

1st Lt. — Aguiar.

2nd Lt. — Tony Webster.

First Sergeant—Dick Clotfelter.

"C" Company

Captain — John Buchanan.

1st Lt. — Carlos Giamarrio.

2nd Lt. — Herman Cuesta.

First Sergeant — Crass.

"D" Company

Captain — Hugh Harman.

1st Lt. — Tyrone Tomeseck.

2nd Lt. — Jim Mier, Roger Quimby.

First Sergeant — Rogers, W.

Band

Captain — J. P. Smith.

1st Lt. — Sandridge.

2nd Lt. — Lopez, O.

First Sergeant — E. C. Smith.

AUGUSTA HOLDS THANKSGIVING BALL

The Cotillion Club has done it again.

After the Thanksgiving banquet, the cadets and faculty were entertained by one of the nicest Balls ever given at Augusta.

The gymnasium was decorated very beautifully in bright gay colors, and it had the atmosphere of the Medieval period in history.

Many girls from Fairfax and Stuart Hall attended.

Col. and Mrs. Roller received the guests in a very gracious manner.

The receiving line consisted of the faculty and their wives.

The general comment was that it was a beautiful dance and that much credit should go to the decorating committee and the Cotillion Club.

Presenting Permanent Cadet Captains 1956 - 1957



First Capt.
Goodloe Saunders



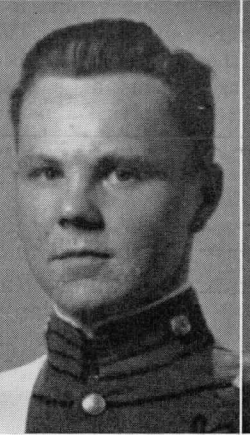
Capt. Adjutant
Gray Hume



Hdqs Company
Steve Rodgers



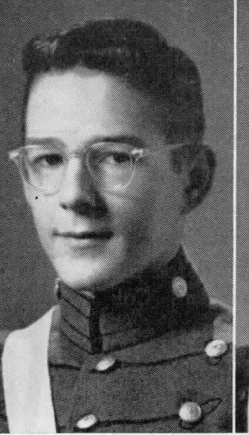
"A" Company
Albert Krise



"B" Company
Dick Mower



"C" Company
John Buchanan



"D" Company
Hugh Harmon



Band Company
Jim Smith

Honor

When you hear the word "Honor" what is it that you think of most? Perhaps it is the honor that comes from progressive achievement or perhaps it is the love and obedience you hold for your parents in accordance with the Scriptural command, "Honor thy father and mother". These are other varied aspects of the word "Honor" and if you are lucky enough to realize what constitutes the two mentioned above, besides their related meanings, and the values of each, there you have a head start on the majority of everyday people. Understanding just what makes up a substance whether tangible or intangible, makes that substance easier to attain. As we are speaking of "Honor", it will be easily seen that this subject needs to be nourished and cultivated before we can possess it in any degree. Honor is not inherited, but is built by the individual, layer by layer on a foundation as strong as truth itself.

Here at A.M.A. the program of this construction is strongly emphasized and in such surroundings growth is rapid. Augusta, of course, promotes all the aspects of honor, but demands complete compliance with its Honor System. This system is seen to be more physical than the other points discussed as it is composed of three parts, no cheating, no lying, and no stealing. These three constituents may be enforced whereas the only enforcement of the most intangible points is achieved by the individual himself.

A.M.A. emphasizes and enforces the portion of Honor which William Shakespeare referred to when he said, "the pursuit treasure mortal times offered is spotless reputation". You may ask yourself, "How is that treasure won?" It comes from living with honor, on honor. Many of you have already begun to live honorably and honored; for the life of honor begins early. It is a life which consists of happiness, contentment, and fullness reflected in great depth. Still others of you need yet to nourish the budding of this virtue in order to realize the full extent and meaning of life. Some things the honorable man cannot do and never does. He never wrongs or disregards a woman. He never opposes or cheats a person weaker or poorer than himself. He never fails to honor his father and mother. Lastly, he never betrays a trust. These last two are perhaps the most important. The trust you are not to break is already set, and as stated before—lying, cheating and stealing. The honest man is sincere, candid, and generous; and I do not mean generous with things of monetary value only. I mean rather generous in his judgments of men and women, and of the nature and prospects of mankind. Such curosimy is a beautiful attribute of the man of honor who when he achieves this level is truly man in the image of God.

Tips To New Cadets

The feeling which comes from being thrown into a totally unknown and complex form of living is not entirely pleasant. However, it is one which everyone here at school has felt at one time or other. The very fact that the very large majority survived it, is proof that you can do the same. Don't fool yourself into thinking that it won't take effort. Everything worth while requires effort, and laxity is the greatest bane of new cadets who are trying to adjust themselves to school life.

You will all experience little and sometimes large failures. This is entirely normal. However, do not brood over them or allow yourself to sink into the black pits of despair. This will only hinder you in your remaining duties and heap upon your shoulders even more despair and work. Proceeding in that direction, you can only lose the game. Instead, shake off your downfallings and leave them behind. They will be entirely obliterated as a result of your progressive achievements. Perhaps it would be a good idea to mention a little about the "snowed under" feelings. It is not at all uncommon and merits none of the worrying that follows along with it. The best way to avoid finding yourself at the bottom of a high pile of work is to accomplish many little things best suited for that famous little column, "famous last words". At a military school, the schedule is often uncertain and very changeable and you'll soon see why it is a good idea to clean that rifle today for an inspection two days hence. The same holds true for school work. There are just not enough hours in the day to catch up once you have fallen behind. Experience is said to be the best teacher, and from this it follows the fact that many of you new cadets will find out the hard way how to utilize your time to the best advantage, unless you take a tip from someone who has gone through the mill before you.

Senior Permits Announced

It was learned today by the staff of the Bayonet that our principal, Col. Charles S. Roller Jr. has approved Saturday night permits for the seniors of session 1956-57. According to present information, these permits will go into effect immediately after Christmas vacation, or as soon thereafter as a list of those boys who are either seniors or post-grads can be compiled for the approval of Col. Deane and Col. Roller.

Senior permits have been a custom at Augusta for a number of years now and it can be safely said that it is one of the many customs which has the wholehearted backing of all the upper classmen.

As in the past, old cadet upper classmen will have approved permits every Saturday night provided that they are under no restrictions and are not failing in academic work. New cadets who plan to take advantage of this privilege can look forward to one or two Saturday nights every month with the same conditions the old cadets are under.

Report From The Junior School

Augusta Military Academy can well be proud of its Junior School. Enrollment is at the highest peak within memory, the names of Junior students are leading both the Honor Roll and the Privilege List, the athletic program is improving, and as always the Junior School is sporting the best haircuts to be seen at the Academy.

The size of the student population of the Junior School has jumped from a total of forty-eight students last year to seventy-seven—at the present time. Due to the increase in cadets it was necessary to convert the old Military classroom into an up to date three room addition to J Barracks. Now J Barracks alone can handle almost as many cadets as the Department had on roll last year.

Further improvements in the plant included the black topping of the area between the academic building and the infirmary, the installation of a new bathroom, and the reconditioning of the upstairs of the Barracks.

While the enlarged classes would seem at first glance to cause a lowering of grades, the contrary had proved true. Tom Petty, eighth grade, is leading the A.M.A. Honor Roll for December with a 96 average. Other Juniors whose names appear on Colonel Roller's academic lists are Henry Godoy (8th grade), Larry Spillan (8th grade), Richard Grammer (4th grade), John Canevet (6th grade), Roger Canevet (4th grade), Wallace Hutchins (3rd grade), Barry Weeks (3rd grade), Peter Douglas (3rd grade), John Aragona (6th grade), Andre Parks (3rd grade), Fred Sprouse (6th grade), Jimmy Reichard (6th grade), and John Black (4th grade). This is nearly one-fourth of all of the cadets on either the Honor Roll or the Privilege List. It stands as a good record.

The Junior football team showed great enthusiasm this year and made outstanding improvement. Given time, such ball players as Norris Corbell, Freddy Womer, and Manley Hubbard who all gave a lot to the Junior team this year, will one day give the Varsity cause for pride. Their team played several games against stronger and more practiced teams from Staunton and Harrisonburg. Each time, the losing score was whittled down. The football trips were amusing. It got to be a sporting matter just to see if the buses would get us where we were headed — they broke down twice.

This year, Junior football got another break, caused by the increase in the size of the school. It became possible to organize a playing team of the littlest boys in school, those ranging in age from eight to ten. While these cadets found difficulty in playing regular games, they had a lot of fun and will provide the groundwork for a larger team next year.

The Juniors have had one party and are looking forward at the present time to the annual Christmas party. The Halloween party was a big success, including such items as a costume prize, and a treasure hunt in the churchyard.

An interview with a new Spanish Boy.

Q. What do you think of the Academy after you have settled down?

A. I think that its fine, until now I haven't had any trouble. Altogether, I think that it is just wonderful.

Q. Have you had much trouble understanding English and getting along with your friends?

A. No, I have not had much trouble with my English considering that it is the first time I've been in an English speaking country. I have to thank my American friends and teachers for all that they have done for me.

Q. Who do you get along with your officers in ranks?

A. Very well, I don't think that you could find better ones.

Q. What Company are you in?

A. I am in the first squad, of the second Platoon of Company "B".

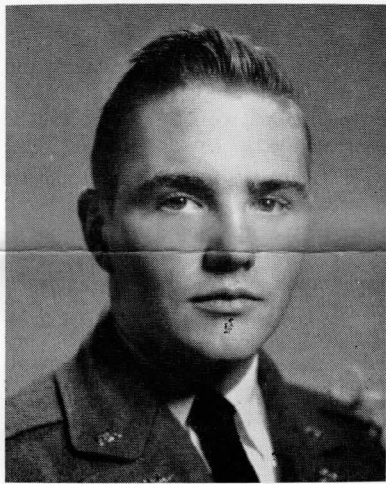
Q. What do you think about your instructors and the sports program?

A. I think that they are very good. My instructors cannot be compared, however. Although I have only played football and I am out for basketball now.

Q. What do you like best about the Military?

A. I like the Sunday Parades. There we show off what we have accomplished.

This interview was possible only through the assistance of Cadet Gil Gilbert whose knowledge of Spanish proved invaluable.



GOODLOE SAUNDERS

Principal Names Goodloe Saunders

Cadet Capt. Goodloe Saunders has been chosen as the President of the Student Body by Col. C. S. Roller, Jr., Principal.

In addition to this office, Capt. Saunders is Battalion Commander. This would be enough to keep anyone busy but yet Goodloe finds time for studies, football, Roller Rifles, and Cotillion Club.

His assistants are 1st Vice President Steve Rodgers; 2nd Vice President Albert Krise; Secretary Carlos Giamarria; Treasurer James Lanks; Sergeant-at-Arms Duke Fancher; and Carlos Flores, Spanish Representatives.

These are the men, all officers,

WE NEED CANDIDATES FOR THE BAYONET

During the past eight years the Bayonet has won enviable positions and honors in national contests. This was because of the work of many cadets who were interested in bettering all previous publication records.

Again this year we have chosen as our goal an even better and larger school paper. We can achieve this record only through the help of every cadet in the corps.

No rewards or prizes are offered other than the promise that your English and your way of expression will improve in such a way that your marks in all subjects will increase in proportion to your effort.

There is a personal satisfaction derived from working with your fellow cadets in publishing the paper.

See the advisor or any member of the staff and sign up for a year full of the real "Augusta".

BIENVENIDOS

Queridos companeros, es para mi un gran placer, el tener el privilegio de dirigirme a Uds. por medio de estas, con el objeto de darles la mas grata bienvenida, a Uds. los que ahora ingresan a nuestro plantel.

Quiero, antes de todo, congratularlos, por haber seleccionado tal Academia, como Augusta, para cursar sus estudios, y espero que todos, tengamos un buen ano juntos, con la sincera amistad de unos para con otros. De la union de Nos. depende la suavidad del ano en curso, y el exito de cada uno. En la union, esta la fuerza, sin fuerzas, no hay exito. Vamox todos, a unirnos, a querernos como hermanos, a facilitar exitos tanto a uno mismo, como a los otros. No pensemos que alguien nos perjudica, no pensemos que hay que maltratar a otro para poder lograr lo anhelado, no, ayudemosno unos a los otros, y logremoslo todo juntos, para obtener un exito completo.

Yo, solo he pasado un ano en esta Academia, y mi segundo, el que ahora esta en curso, pero aun asi, me atrevo a recomendarles esta, como la mejor, como una segunda casa, me espreso asi, por que la union que existe en esta, es como esa de una familia, estamos atados por la amistad. El carino, que educacion que recibimos, nos las dan, con el mismo afan, con el mismo interes, que nuestros padres lo harian.

THE COTILLION CLUB

The socially minded set at Augusta have as their officers this year, Cadets Buchanan, Saunders, Crass, Steely, and Harmon. They are President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurers respectively. These are the men along with Capt. Savedge, who have been responsible for the music, food and decorations at the opening dances this year.

Cadet Capt. Buchanan is Editor of the Recall for '57, Exec. Officer of the Roller Rifles, Capt. of "B" Company, and a member of the Honor Roll.

Goodloe Saunders has already been introduced so we'll jump to Jimmy Crass, who is First Sergeant of "C" Company. This fellow is responsible for keeping the felicity of the officers at a high level. Not that he's not serious, it's just that he's a serious riot. His activities include Roller Rifles and Varsity football.

Lee Steely, or "Blondie" as he is frequently called, is the guidon for "B" Company and Roller Rifles. His toughness is brought out on the LaCrosse field, but he is not all brawn as he also has a very high scholastic rating.

Hugh Harman, another well-known cadet, is the Capt. of "D" Company and a member of the Roller Rifles. His time is well divided among the other activities here at school.

who will preside over all cases brought before the Honor Court for violations of the Honor Code.

THE BAYONET STAFF

Editor in Chief.....	Hank Serwat
Associate Editors.....	Robert Ramsay Jordan Pugh
Business Manager	C. Carver
Sports Editor	John Keller
Spanish Column.....	Flores C.



The Spotlight

John Keller, Sports Editor

ACTION ON THE HARDWOOD COURT

Augusta is fortunate this year in that three letter winners of last year's basketball team are back again for another year of basketball action. They are: play-maker Steve Rodgers who was co-captain, forward Don Radford, and high point man Hank Serwat.

At this early stage of practice, it is somewhat of a job to pick out any really outstanding men, but there are about 10 who show a great deal of promise. They are: Walt Anderson, Jim Davis, A. Link, Alfonso, Julian Byrd, Bill Jaeger, and of course last year's returnees. All of these fellows have had previous experience. Even with this factor, it is going to be a tough pull in following the schedule that has been set up for 1956-57.

Another new face on the hardwood court is Lt. Noonan who is this year's varsity coach. Coach Noonan has had previous experience with a team on the West coast. His plan of action for our team is not as yet definite, but he has told the boys they can expect to run their opponents into the floor if it has to be on the basis of stamina and condition alone. He favors the slow break and control ball, saying, "As long as we have the ball, the other team can't score." "A great deal of reliance," he says, "Will be placed on superior marksmanship and free throw percentage to make up for a somewhat weaker rebounding factor."

A.M.A. HOLDS ANNUAL FOOTBALL BANQUET

The annual football banquet was held in the dining hall on Friday, November 23.

This banquet is one of the high lights of the year, and an event to which we all look forward.

We were very much pleased to have many of our friends and patrons at this banquet.

After the banquet which consisted of turkey and ham and all the trimmings, Col. Roller explained the purpose of the banquet and made some very pertinent remarks concerning the winning of the monograms.

He praised the monogram winners very highly and pointed out how important it was that everyone try out for some sport.

Col. Roller then presented a gold football to the player of his choice who was most outstanding. This award went to Steve Rodgers who did a great job in the backfield.

He then presented major and minor monograms to the cadets who had won them.

The cadets who received major monograms were: Anderson W., Anderson D., Byrd (co-captain), Carson, Clotfelter, Cox F., Coyner, Crass, Dorman, Durst, Eppard, Hume G. (manager), Hume J., Kelley, Krise, Lanks, La Rue, Lawrence, Link, McDonald, Mudd T., Radford, Roller G., Rogres S., (co-captain), Rodda, Saunders G., Serwat, Shortridge, Snell, Weeks, Weaver, Wells and Zehmer.

The cadets who received minor monograms were: Ainsley, Boyle, Conrad, Cornwell, Coulon, Flores C., Gilbert, Herold, Hollestill, Lopez A., Massey, Manor, McAllese, Moffat (Captain), Quimby, Towe, Tomasek, Trimble, and Zinkham.

After the banquet everyone was invited to the Holiday Ball which was held in the Memorial gymnasium.

Sports Editorial

THE NEW LOOK

As you all know, there is a definite change in the athletic outlook this year. Some may say it is good and others say it isn't good because of its methods, etc. This column is not going to debate this question either way; instead it is going to discuss the relationship between the new outlook and you.

Perhaps we should start with football as that is the prominent fall sport. Just take a look some day and you will see in the 30 men on the front field, the result of the change. The fact that there are 30 men out is evidence enough for most people who were here last year. With almost enough men for three complete teams, there is an awfully sharp contrast to last year's squad whose main fight was to keep one full team on the field.

It might be explained by the fact that our new coach has unhesitatingly made it all too clear that football is for the "Man" only. This challenge indeed makes many fellows determined to overcome all obstacles in order to play. Many men are unable to sit and let a challenge such as this go by without trying to stand up to it. The very fact that a challenge has been presented perhaps explains the greater success this term. Last year nothing of the kind was offered in a majority of the sports and the result was a weak and somewhat indifferent group of teams.

With the new outlook, things have changed and the evidence of this is increased competition, greater depth, teams of better physical condition, and teams interested in winning for a while.

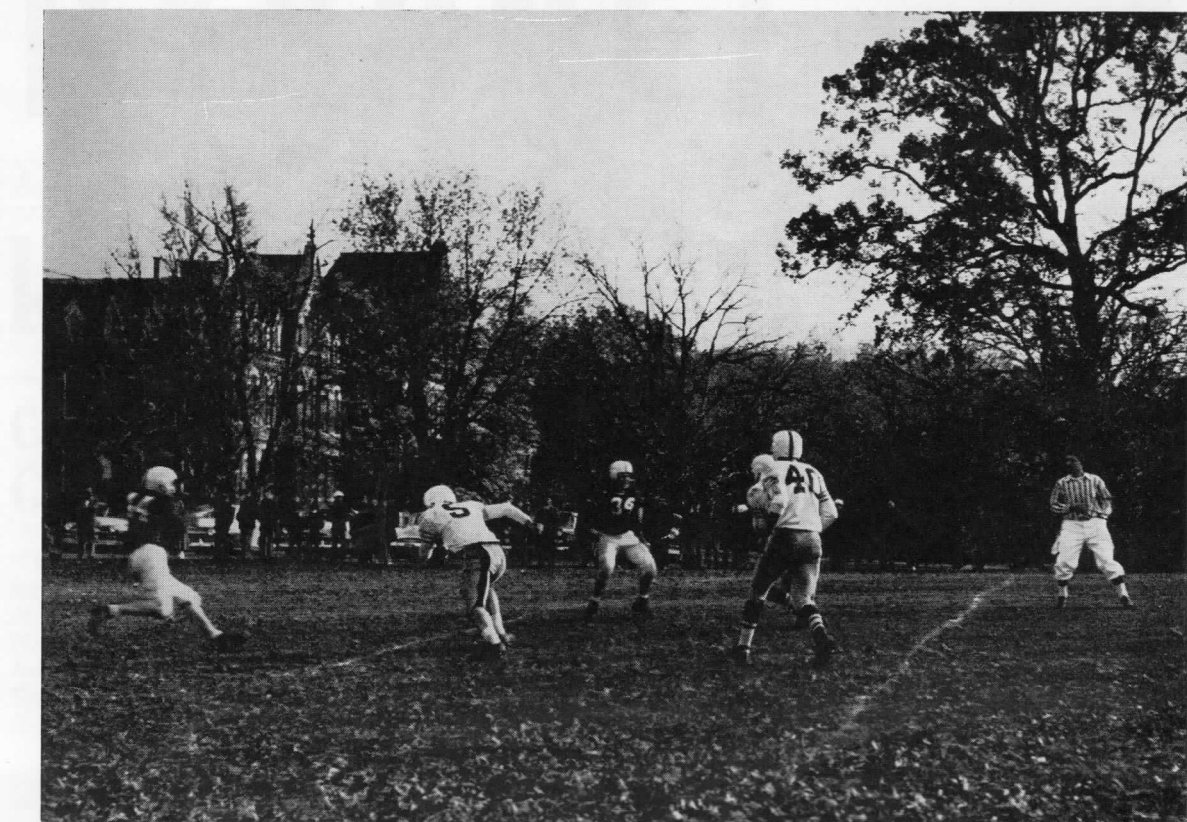
This is true not only of football, but of all the other sports as well. The J. V. football team has shown a tremendous improvement. Swimming and fencing teams are already shaping up. Even the rifle team, which has always been more or less close to the PMS&T than the school, is coming more and more into its own as another of our school teams. Wrestling, which was dropped a few years back, has been started again under the direction of Lt. McDonald and is already in possession of a wide and tough schedule.

With this greatly improved outlook it is expected that our teams will be coming home with more wins than it has ever known. As a result of this, there will be increased competition for starting positions and greater opportunities for more men to play. All that remains is for you fellows in barracks who are not as yet engaged in a sport to come out and try for a slot on the team of your choice. The important thing is not necessarily to win out, but to participate.

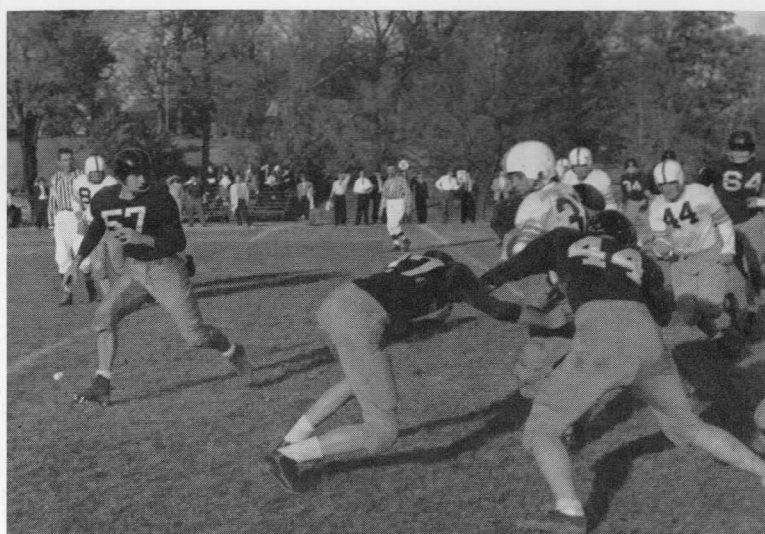
AUGUSTA'S SWORDSMEN SHARPEN UP

This is the time of year down in Hoover Hall that you can hear the loud clash of steel against steel. Among the metallic clashing you hear the exhausted voices of Augusta's experienced swordsmen teaching the newer ones loudly and firmly.

Fencing is one of the most satisfying of all sports. From it you learn coordination, good balance, and how to think and move fast. After one has mastered the first few steps of the art and has been



Action at Miller



Rodgers—RMA at Augusta

in competition he has a great feeling of accomplishment that is equal to no other sport.

Augusta last year won all of its matches except one, that was dropped to the United States Naval Academy. This year the team intends to rout the U. S. N. A. Plebes and retire at the end of the season with an undefeated record. This can be done, and the way it looks now, with all the hard work, will be done.

If any cadet who reads this is interested, drop down to Hoover Hall soon. When you start wielding a superbly balanced, well designed weapon you will have started learning the world's oldest and most satisfying art, the art of fencing.

SECOND—FOURTH YEAR MEN ELECT OFFICERS

The following cadets were selected as class officers for the following year.

Richard Mower is the President of the 4th year men. Dick is Capt. of "B" Company and responsible for all dance decorations. His assistants are Vice President John Buchanan, and Secretary Lee Steely.

The third year men have chosen Tony Webster to represent them. His helpers are Vice President Julian Byrd, and Secretary Dick Clotfelter.

In going on the record officially for the first time the second year men have elected Bob Carson as President, Roger Morris, Vice President, and Don Radford, Secretary.

New Cadets are represented on the Honor Committee by Zeke Zehmer and Phil McDonald. These two boys have received the highest honor which a new cadet can get.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 15—Miller—here.

Friday, January 18—Blue Ridge—here.

Tuesday, January 22—Woodberry—there.

Saturday, January 26—VES—there.

Tuesday, January 29—Miller—there.

Wednesday, February 6—VSDB—here.

Saturday, February 9—Woodberry—here.

Wednesday, February 13—Fishburne—there.

Friday, February 15—VES—here.

Saturday, February 16—RMA—there.

Tuesday, February 18—Blue Ridge—there.

Friday, February 21—VSDB—there.

Monday, February 25—Fishburne—here.

Wednesday, February 27—RMA—here.

OFF GUARD

Col. Deane: Son did I ever tell you about the time I went bear hunting?

Cadet: No sir.

Col. Deane: Well, I sneaked up behind this bear and shot him so that the bullet came out under his chin.

Cadet: That kind of reminds me of the time I went night fishing and dropped the kerosene lantern over the side.

Col. Deane: What happened?

Cadet: Why, that lantern went clear to the bottom and never did go out.

Col. Deane: You don't say! That's kind of hard to believe.

Cadet: Well, I'll make you a deal. You let that bear live and I'll put out my lantern.

A.M.A. vs. MILLER

For the first time in two years the Augusta gridiron men came home with a victory. The vanquished foe was our relatively close neighbor, Miller School. In last years meeting, a somewhat smaller Miller team felled our cadet team by some 30 odd points. However, the story changed a bit, as Miller, even with a larger team, was no match for the A.M.A. team.

The game started off with A.M.A. receiving the kickoff and promptly starting, under the direction of quarterback Hank Serwat, a powerful drive which carried all the way to the enemy 10 yard line. There Augusta lost the ball on downs and switched to defense. Miller ensuing offensive attempt

was a nightmare as even their 200 and some odd pound fullback couldn't scape up the necessary yardage. After Miller's punt, A.M.A. began another drive but midway in its progress the first quarter ended and the teams changed directions the break in playing did not hinder the advance. The ball was gradually worked to the 10 yard line where Serwat on a sneak advanced it to the five. Then on a quick opener, halfback Ken Coyner smashed over the remaining distance for the score. Coyner missed the conversion and so the early part of the second quarter saw the score 6-0.

After the kickoff, the ball was soon recovered by A.M.A. and advanced until a fumble gave it to Miller. In the closing minutes of the half, Serwat began using Coyner and Rodgers to push the drive which finally ended up on the 8 yard line. With 30 seconds remaining, Coyner scrambled over the line into pay dirt for the second time. Again the conversion was missed and the score stood 12 to 0.

The renewal of play in the second half saw Miller again stopped cold by A.M.A.'s stout defense. With a different squad, Augusta took the ball and marched down the field until another fumble gave the ball away. As Miller could not advance, it was soon recovered on a punt. It was in this drive that Miller scored. A big Miller back picked a fumble out of the air and galloped most of the way down field where Gray Hume finally pulled him down. In the next few minutes of confusion, Miller scored.

The only other threat to score

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NOTICE

The staff of the A.M.A. Bayonet takes great pleasure in wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Augusta in Harrisonburg

TRADITIONS AT AUGUSTA

The traditions at Augusta go back a long, long way. When the school first started back in the hectic days following the War Between the States the students at Professor Roller's school, then the "Augusta Male Academy", founded traditions that are still a living part of today's Augusta.

The close of the War Between the States found the Shenandoah Valley a blackened ruin with no educational facilities. The Northern Army and other Yankees had seen to that. Upon his return to this chaos, Professor Charles S. Roller who had been fighting with Gen. Jeb Stuart, dived headlong into the job of reconstruction. He founded the school and helped the area get on its feet again. The aim of the school has not changed since that time, the aim is "To develop boys physically and mentally into true Southern Gentlemen."

One of the older traditions is the salute that is given to cars on the Valley Pike. This tradition dates back when the students at the old Augusta Male Academy saluted wagons, men on horseback, coaches, and travelers on foot. The salute, part of the "Spirit of Augusta" is a sign of Augusta's courtesy nad greeting to all.

Two Thanksgiving Day traditions of A.M.A are the annual pep rally and bonfire preceding the Thanksgiving Day football game. The corps is all out at this event and everyone has a great time. The second is the Thanksgiving Banquet held just before the big dance and you can be sure that we have many parents, visitors, and alumni here that night. On that night the football awards are given out and speeches are made.

The daily tradition is the short speech made each day at lunch by Col. Roller. Usually about twenty minutes long, he covers everything and covers it well. This speech points out defects in the corps. As colonel says "Forwarned is forarmed" and colonel does a lot of warning.

On Monday night we have time devoted to discussing what has happened during the week and awards are given out to outstanding cadets.

On Mother's Day the cadets wear red flowers on their jackets in honor of their mother. For those that have lost their mothers a white flower is worn in memory.

About the most important is the service held honoring Professor Charles S. Roller on May 8th. This service called "Founders Day" has the entire corps marching up the

ALUMNI NEWS

One of our former fellow A.M.A. cadets, Charlie Hollingsworth, is now attending the Randolph Macon College, where he is enjoying a successful year both in scholastics and athletics. No doubt he would enjoy hearing from some of the cadets and would have interesting and helpful hints about college. The school is located in Ashland, Virginia.

Jimmy Mahanes graduated along with Charlie H. from A.M.A. in '56. He is also attending Randolph Macon College. He may be reached at the same address.

Ben Glass, a P.G. last year, is now attending classes at V.P.I. in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Also attending V.P.I. are Tex Gossom, and Jim Handy, who are roommates. Tex graduated a Senior in '56 and got married. Jim is still single and putting his long course of P.G. at A.M.A. to good use. You'll be seeing them every once and a while as they visit Staunton on their weekends.

Hugh Lewellyn, another well known cadet of A.M.A. is taking his higher education at Hampden Sydney, Virginia. He also would like to hear from Augusta.

Tito Leuterio is a day student at Georgetown University. His home address is 1612 Princess St., Alexandria, Virginia.

Former First Captain Adrian L. Howard, is now attending school at the University of North Carolina, located at Chapel Hill, N. C.

Henry T. Cormick and Harry C. Johnson, are both registered in a class of 300 at the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, Va. Both graduated from A.M.A. in 1956.

DID YOU KNOW—?

That Jeb Stuart of the Confederate Cavalry won his fame in battles against his own father-in-law.

Alexander Hamilton, although he was an important factor in the forming of our present government, was ineligible for the Presidency because he was not a natural born citizen.

Valley Pike to the graveyard at the Old Augusta Stone Church, where impressive services are held.

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AUGUSTA PARADES AT HARRISONBURG

Here we go for Harrisonburg again. This year as in the preceding years, the Corps has attended the annual Armistice Day Parade in Harrisonburg. It is a great time for the Corps to put out and show off, or to slack up and be another marching unit. It is up to you, the cadets in the corps, to show the public what is meant by fine drilling and school spirit. The competition will be as stiff as you can imagine, and as the old cadets know, we have always pulled through. If you are interested in what to expect, this is what this reporter foresees.

Bands, bands, and more bands, of every shape and size, of every color and type. Drill teams, marching units, Color Guards, decked out to be everything from the pride of Napoleon to the vanguard of the Space Cadets. All are there to honor this day, but also to see if they can't take the gold cup back with them when they leave. We are no exception.

The small city of Harrisonburg grows several times its original size overnight. Needless to say space will be at a premium, parking space, marching space, standing space, seating space, and most important, eating space. Music and noise, however, will be ample. If you prefer music the Marine Corps Band from Quantico is usually there, and they let go with some great music.

It looks like a great time for all of us but let's not forget why we are there. The Ceremonies here at school that morning will bring that fact home in a simple but effective way. We are marching to honor those who stopped marching, to carry on where they left off, to die for America if need be, as they died when the need was.

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A.M.A. YEARBOOK WINS TWO AWARDS FOR FIRST PLACE

Col. Charles S. Roller Jr., principal of the Augusta Military Academy, received word from the National Scholastic Press Association that the school yearbook, the 1956 Recall, has been awarded first place in its category at the national contest. This was the highest rating given to schools in Augusta's category. Only two other schools in the national contest received a first place rating.

This makes the second award which the Augusta Military Academy Recall has received in the past week. The yearbook placed first in the Columbia contest. The Augusta Military Academy Yearbook was the only private school yearbook in the south to win first place.

Editors of the 1956 yearbook were Cadet Adrian L. Howard who is now attending North Carolina State College, and Cadet Stephen Tomasek who is attending Washington and Lee University on a four year scholarship awarded him by the Union Carbon and Carbide Company. Business Managers of the 1956 Recall were Cadet Jim Handy who is attending V.P.I., and Cadet James Hollar who is attending the University of North Carolina. The yearbook advisor, Capt. C. E. Savedge, attended the convention at Columbia University last week.

December Honor Roll

1. Petty, T.	96.30
2. Schlusemeyer	93.60
3. Petty, J.	93.00
4. Coulon	92.80
5. Strong	92.50
5. Lawrence	92.50
7. McVey	92.40
8. Lang	92.00
8. Godoy	92.00
10. Gregson	91.71
11. Williamson	91.43
12. Hall	91.00
13. Akerman	90.83
14. Davis	90.80
15. Mehler	90.43
16. Buchanan	90.40
17. Spillan	90.29
18. Grammar	89.50
19. Burrell	89.40
20. Trimble	89.00
20. Clark	89.00
20. Webster	89.00
23. Petty, G.	88.83
24. Kelbaugh	88.33
25. Herold	88.20
25. Holland	88.20
25. Durst, S.	88.20
28. Ogburn	88.14
29. Turner, J.	88.00

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The Cadetgram

Traveling across the campus, talking to people, getting the feel of things towards the end of this school term, you come up with these impressions:

In the rooms during C. Q. cadets are talking and busy, occupied with their own affairs, not worrying much about the problems of the nation and the world. The cadets are working on their assignments at top speed. Local stores are crowded, cash registers ringing, merchants filling the needs of a consumer corps. Worries are few. Issues no matter how hard the news mediums hammer away at them, don't seem to stir up more than conversational interest.

On the campus during free time the cadets are active in sports such as Fencing, Wrestling, Basketball, Rifle, and are engaging in activities such as the Roller Rifles, the Recall and the Bayonet.

After the election the corps was pleased with the results. Most favored Ike, the second majority favored Colman T. Andrews, and the minority preferred Stevenson. The effect of the water shortage was brought home to the cadets by lack of water pressure during rush periods and some times by no water at all.

The P. M. S. & T. has stepped up its training program. More exercises for the R. O. T. C. Rifle Company to work on. The corps is getting the feel of things and drills. Formations and the like are running smoother.

On the stoops the corps shows high spirits and is looking forward to the Christmas Rest Period with great enthusiasm. Plans are being made on the subject of how to enjoy this vacation to the fullest extent.

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was by A.M.A. in the last half of the fourth quarter. Another long drive died on the Miller 15. A field goal was tried, missed, and Miller took over. They tried desperately to score by taking to the air, but Wyatt Eppart intercepted and restored the ball to A.M.A. Two plays were tried in an effort to score, but they failed. Byrd, who did an outstanding job all day, took a handoff from Serwat and smashed up the middle for a few yards. The final seconds were run off by a quarterback sneak.

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